Increase in Registered Companies

†3039. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) wheher it is a fact that the number of registered companies have increased constantly during the last three years;

(b) if so, the total number of companies registered in the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(c) the names of ten States where maximum number of companies got registered during the said years and annual turnover by these registered companies in each State?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The number of companies limited by shares, registered during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 was 31289, 27187 and 20927 (provisional) respectively.

(c) The ten States having the highest number of companies registered during the said three years are Maharashtra, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal, Gujarat, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. The information in respect of turnover of all the registered companies is not maintained.

International Criminal Court

3040. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International Criminal Court (ICC) is finally taking shape half a century after the UN called for its creation;

(b) if so, whether India has ratified the treaty;

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